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U.S. Department of Justice Awards State Agency \$5.4 Million in Federal Funding to Combat Crime in the State of Indiana

Indianapolis, IN. - Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) Executive Director, Mike Cunegin today announced a \$5.4 million annual Block Grant the Institute received from The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). ICJI will allocate these funds within federal legislatively established purpose areas to prevent and reduce crime in the state of Indiana.

Through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), the previous Edward Byrne Memorial Formula and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants were combined to provide the State with the flexibility to prioritize and place JAG funds where most needed.

The grant announced today will be administered to law enforcement programs, prosecution and court programs, corrections and community corrections programs, drug treatment programs, in addition to planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs, which will support the Governor's Meth initiative in addition to other state and local initiatives.

Based on a conservative estimate made by the Methamphetamine Abuse Task Force, Methamphetamine costs the citizens of Indiana at least \$100 million per year. This estimate does not take into account the human toll of lost resources, family abuse and child neglect.

"I look forward to the work that our sub-grantees will do on behalf of the State of Indiana," said Cunegin. "This grant will assist law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in implementing programs that offer a high probability of improving the effectiveness of the criminal justice system," Cunegin concluded.

ICJI solicits state agencies and units of local government on an annual basis to apply for JAG funds. Grant applications are reviewed by staff internally, sub-committees of the ICJI Board of Trustees and then approved by ICJI's full Board of Trustees.

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The Edward Byrne/JAG Formula Grant Program is a partnership among federal, state and local governments and non-profit organizations to create safer communities and improved criminal justice systems. The Byrne/JAG program, created by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-690), emphasizes controlling violent and drug-related crime and serious offenders and fosters multi-jurisdictional and multi-state efforts to support national drug-control policies.

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